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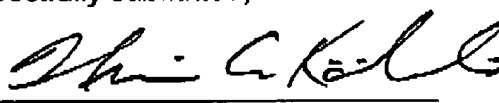
Applicants and the undersigned are most grateful for the time and effort accorded the instant application by the Examiner.

Claims 1, 2, 4-16 and 18-20 were pending in the instant application at the time of the outstanding Office Action. Of these claims, Claims 9-16 had been withdrawn from the Office's consideration. Claim 1 is an independent claim; the remaining claims are dependent claims.

Per the outstanding Office Action, Claims 18-20 were rejected under 35 USC 112, while Claims 1, 2, and 4-8 were indicated as being allowable. Instantly, Claims 18-20 have been cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, the remaining claims under consideration are all drawn to allowable subject matter.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that the instant application, including Claims 1, 2, and 4-8, is presently in condition for allowance. Notice to the effect is earnestly solicited. If there are any further issues in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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